Intensive oilseeds Development Project

2846. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount given to States for intensive oilseeds development project and what is the amount given to Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether it is by way of grants or loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) A sum of Rs. 30 crores has been provided this year for the implementation of the National Oilseeds Development Project in various States, including grants to Indian Council of Agricultural Research, for the production of breeders' seed of oilseed crops and assistance to National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation for procurement of oilseeds. Out of this amoundt Rs. 402.75 lakhs has been provided to Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The amount provided to States including Andhra Pradesh is by way of 100 per cent grants by the Government of India.

Dry land farming in Orissa

2847. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented a number of schemes to encourage the modern methods of dry land farming;

(b) if so, the States where those schemes have been implemented so far;

(c) whether such scheme has been launched in Orissa during the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the names of districts in Orissa where dry land farming has been undertaken in the above plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The schemes have been in operation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Koraput and Phulbani.

Employment of the Personnel of Hindi News Agencies in A.I.R. and Doordarshan

2848. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to give employment to all those employees who have been unemployed due to closure of the Hindi News Agencies in the News Services of All India Radio or Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) The two Hindi news agencies are still in existence. Since both of them are in the private sector, their employees are governed by the relevant laws/rules pertaining to their service conditions. The Government do not have any proposal to employ any person who may be rendered jobless due to the closure of the two news agencies. Recruit-